

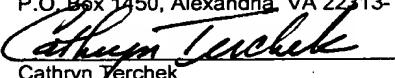


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Cathryn TerchekDate  October 26 2004**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

The following is provided in response to the Office Action issued on October 5, 2004, in connection with the above-captioned application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the following comments.